GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3151
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2007
VOTING RIGHT
Manoj Dr. K.S.

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any requests/memoranda from Malayalee Associations for voting rights of non-resident Keralites residing in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to give voting rights to Non-Resident Indians (N.R.Is.)/Overseas Indians;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) & (b): The Government has not received any such representation in this regard.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) and (e): With a view to enabling citizens of India who are absenting from their place of ordinary residence in India owing to their employment, education, or otherwise, outside India to get their names enrolled in the electoral rolls and cast their votes when they are in their constituency at the time of polls, the Government introduced the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 2006. The said Bill was referred to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination and report. The Committee presented its 16th Report on the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006 to Rajya Sabha and laid the same in Lok Sabha on the 4th August, 2006. The Government has not taken any decision on the recommendations of the Committee so far.

(f): Does not arise.